

Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction

Certified Recovery Specialist Program

The contract was finalized and accepted by ASPIN. The start date was September 1, 2009.

The contract provides for the start up of the program. It is planned the program will become self supporting.

CRS Program Highlights

- A training manual was created. Materials from the most successful training programs in use were analyzed and used for developing Indiana's curriculum. Our program is the only program to include support for smoking cessation.
- 12 Trainers were trained. Persons selected for training were required to have past experience as trainers. The training was completed on December 9 and 10, 2009. There are conference calls scheduled to support the trainers. The calls review the most recent consumer/student trainings, review evaluation results and examine action plans.
- ASPIN completed and posted the website www.certifiedrecovery specialist.org in October 2009. This website is a valuable resource for the program. It has links to several important components. The training application, grandfathering application and training schedule are a few of those items.
- The due date for applications was December 15, 2009. ASPIN received 116 applications. A Scoring Rubric was created to evaluate applications. Applications were scored on five items. 53 applications were rejected. This was because the applications were incomplete, or were submitted after the due date. 63 applications were accepted. The applicants were accepted based on the order they were received and completeness.
- Trainings started in January and continued through April.
- Each session is five days. Students receive points for attending each module. Attendance is confirmed by the student by completing the evaluation at the end of each module. A student must have adequate points from attendance as well as an 80% score from the certification testing. Practice tests are available to each student, along with individualized tutoring.
- ASPIN will be continuing reach out efforts to educate and support potential employers. Contact ASPIN for more of those details: mlevey@aspin.org or by phone at 317-471-0000.
- IN DMHA will actively monitor contract/program activity. Plans for the next year of activity have been formed from lessons learned and successes. Planned activity and focus are on the basic training, continuing education requirements, and specialty courses and training trainers.